

## CONCLUSIONS

### 1. AVOID:

#### a) Repeating the thesis in a mechanical way

So, as I've said, I feel that the Revolutionary War was a total disaster for reasons of morality, economics, and politics.

#### b) Bringing up a whole new topic

So, in view of the persuasiveness of Smith's theory that the Revolutionary War was such a total disaster and should probably never have been fought, we might wonder why historians continue to celebrate that event so unthinkingly. I suspect that this is because most historians are paid agents of the Soviet Union.

#### c) Being too assertive about your handling of the topic

Thus I have proven that the Revolutionary War was a total disaster.

#### d) Being apologetic about your handling of the topic

Thus it seems to me, admittedly a mere college student who doesn't really know very much about this topic, that Professor Smith is right and that the Revolutionary War was a disaster.

### 2) POSSIBLE STRATEGIES:

#### a) Bring up the wider implications

Smith's view of the Revolutionary War may be unorthodox, but, as we have seen, it certainly raises some interesting questions. The field of historical research will no doubt be considerably enlivened in the next few years because other scholars, adopting Smith's method of inquiry, will begin to consider the theoretical consequences of historical events not having taken place.

Not so good

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#### b) And/or end with a good sentence

Ovid's realism need not, and does not, I think, depress us. In Ovid's poetic strategies and his attitudes toward language are a complexity and a sophistication which prove exhilarating to the reader. Man the thinker and the artist is, at least partially, triumphant in the end. He may never be able to participate in a society which is ideal, but he is still able to analyze, face up to, and play ingenious games with the one he's got.